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Mrs. Effe Manley
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Newark, New Jersey

My Dear Mrs. Manley:

Your letter of the 17th was received and was glad to hear from you. Concerning dates at Norfolk and Richmond I prefer the 7th and 8th because that will give me time to go to Philadelphia for my opening on May the 10th. After I have studied carefully your plans of a big affair at the opening I think it is a wonderful idea but as you know we have good and bad weather and our luck could be one of those bad days and our gate will be small and it will be very hard for me to fill out this big responsibility. As you know I owe you some money from last year which I want to pay you for whatever money I get. I'm afraid to make a bad fellow of myself because the expense that you mentioned goes into money. I am not in the same position I use to be and I prefer to discuss this matter with you when I return on the first of May.

About the opening date, I think a few American flags will be sufficient where the soldiers will be sitting. I thought we had everything straight with the little girl drum I think any kind of band will do for that occasion.

I do not think with your three Sunday games at Newark will hurt your drawing at Yankee Stadium. I would not mind you pulling out of this promotion if the Black Yankees had the team they had years ago. You know that Semler has ruined New York this year and I am only depending on your reputation and the Elites to draw some people so I am not in favor of releasing you all for this game.

Thanking you for your kind letter and hoping for good weather for our opening. Will see you when I return to New York.

Very truly yours,

Alonzo Jones